

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 14, and 16 as follows:

1. (Amended)

9, An alloy comprised of Ni and Pt that is resistant to oxidation from 500°C up to the melting point of Pt, said alloy being subjected to a heat treatment of between 500°C to the melting point of Pt in a nitrogen atmosphere.

Please cancel claim 5.

6. (Amended)

92 A method of suppressing the oxidation characteristics of nickel, consisting essentially of, combining Ni with Pt in a ratio of approximately 95% Ni powder and 5% Pt by weight, and heat treating the Ni/Pt mixture to a temperature of between 500°C and the melting point of Pt in a nitrogen atmosphere.

9. (Amended)

93 A method of creating an air-fireable and termination element for electronic components which requires metallization, consisting essentially of, making an air-fireable and termination element from a combination of Ni powder with Pt in a ratio of approximately 95% Ni powder and 5% Pt by weight, and heat treating the Ni/Pt mixture to a temperature of between 500°C and the melting point of Pt in a nitrogen atmosphere.

10. (Amended)

93 An air-fireable and termination element that is resistant to oxidation from 500°C up to the melting point of Pt, said element being comprised of Ni and a Pt alloyed product heat treated to a temperature between 500°C and the melting point of Pt in a nitrogen atmosphere.

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12. (Amended)

94 An air-fireable conductor plate for capacitors that is resistant to oxidation from 500°C up to the melting point of Pt, said plate being comprised of Ni powder and Pt heat treated to a temperature between 500°C and the melting point of Pt in a nitrogen atmosphere.

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14. (Amended)

95 A thick film screen printable fireable conductor material that is resistant to oxidation from 500°C up to the melting point of Pt, said material being comprised of Ni powder and Pt heat treated to a temperature between 500°C and the melting point of Pt in a nitrogen atmosphere.

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16. (Amended)

96 The method of making an alloy of Ni and Pt, consisting essentially of, combining Ni powder with Pt, subjecting the same to a temperature of 500°C to the melting point of Pt, to create an alloy of Ni and Pt in a nitrogen atmosphere.

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Please add new claims 18-21:

18. (New)

97 An alloy comprised of 95% Ni and 5% Pt that is resistant to oxidation from 500°C up to the melting point of Pt, said material being subjected to a heat treatment of between 500°C to the melting point of Pt in a nitrogen atmosphere.

19. (New)

An alloy comprised of 95% Ni and 5% Pt that is resistant to oxidation from 500°C to between 700-800°C, said material being subjected to a heat treatment of between 500°C to 1000°C in a nitrogen atmosphere.

20. (New)

A method of suppressing the oxidation characteristics of nickel, consisting essentially of, combining Ni with Pt and heat treating the Ni/Pt mixture to a temperature of between 500°C and 1000°C in a nitrogen atmosphere.

21. (New)

A method of suppressing the oxidation characteristics of nickel, consisting essentially of, combining 95% Ni with 5% Pt and heat treating the Ni/Pt mixture to a temperature of between 500°C and 1000°C in a nitrogen atmosphere.